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1. "Dickie" Lehmann, SED Kreisleiter of Berlin-Mitte, was recalled from leave on or about 21 June 1948 to organize an action unit (Einsatztruppe) in his Kreis. These groups, to be used for special missions in the US Sector, were alerted on 23 June. On the night of 24 June about 100 persons belonging to groups were transported in Russian trucks to the Tägliche Rundschau printing plant. After a wait of several hours the mission was called off.

2. [redacted] counteractions against the introduction of the Deutsche Mark in Berlin were planned for the next forty-eight hours. These, however, did not materialize.

3. Dispatch of street corner agitators into the western sectors began in volume on 21 June but have since slowed to a trickle.

4. Plans for a general strike in Berlin were formulated in detail during the past week by the SED and the FDGB. This was a rat project of the SED, but opposed by labor functionaries. [redacted] this plan also was shelved, possibly because of the leakage of the Ulbricht letter which was in the Telegraf on 27 June 1948 [redacted]

5. [redacted] local plans for protests and demonstrations against the western allies were cancelled by Moscow. This does not preclude the possibility of future action, plans for which have been made and could be put into operation on the shortest notice.

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